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ROADS.

Among other improvements needed in Jefferson County, and which is imperatively demanded by the interests of all, is the opening and establishing of good roads, traversing the country in every direction. A number of roads have been surveyed at the expense of the County, but have not all been worked, and are no better than if that expense had never been incurred. True some of these roads have been made good, others have been made passable, and others are naturally good, with the exception of the creek crossings. We have in Kansas the facilities for making excellent roads, and particularly so in Jefferson County. The read from Leavenworth to this place is now good, but a little more work on it while we have dry weather, will make it one of the best in the country. On this road there is an excellent bridge across stranger, so that the necessity of "laying by" on day a house was struck by lightning, the banks of this uncertain stream, when it "gets on a high," is entirely obviated-

Leavenworth. A direct road between this place and Grasshopper Falls can be easily made. A portion of the road is already in good traveling order, having been worked by the supervisors slong the routes, much of which is through prairie and needs no work, save at a few of the sloughs. The importance of this road will be seen from the perusal of an article in another place, headed "New MAIL THE COMET, may be seen about nir

Among other roads demanded by the interests of citizens of our County we mention that from Kaw City to Oskaloosa-a road requiring but little work except at Burr Oak and Grasshopper streams -and which passes through

oue of the best portions of our County. or space to mention in this issue, those so favorably noticed the first number of rence. The importance of these roads exchange lists. We greet them all with is so well known that we will simply a hearty welcome to our table. refer to them at this time, and reserve what further we might have to say for another occasion.

Good roads we very much need. Shall we have them?

NEW MAIL ROUTE:-The schedule of boffere, designates a tri-weekly mail miles north of Batavia, in this county, line starting from Lawrence, thence when he discovered the dead bodies of running through Oskaloosa, Grasshop- a woman, a little girl about 6 years old, and a boy about 12 The bodies were per Falls and Holton, to Marysville, nude; the woman and girl partly under and from there back again through the a tree that had fallen into the the creek, same points to Lawrence, but up to this time there have been no steps taken to put this line in operation. We have often wondered why some active meastime there have been no steps taken to ures were not adopted to have this mail established because it is one of no minor importance - but one that is positively needed. The places mentioned are prominent points, in a direct line, and yet they have no direct communication: but the mail matter passing between these towns of necessity takes a circuitous route by way of Kickapoo, Leaven-worth, Lawrence and Lecompton, and a letter written here, will reach New York sooner than one written on the persons, names unknown, came to their same day will reach Marysville, not name day will reach marysvine, not more than forty or fifty miles distant. large cuts on the head and face of the was brought to the jail the rope was under the woman, one on her forhead, and just before her right ear jaw broken, and before her right ear skull broken, and it off and secreted it about his person. the Northwestern part of this County, behind her right ear skull broken, and with a well settled country around it. on the back part of the head skull bro. After he was in his cell the Sheriff took ken, and her left shoulder broken. The siderable business to transact here at broken, and the brains cozing out, and the country Seat, a great portion of the County Seat, a great portion of other wound on the back part of the which could be done by correspondiched, skull mashed, with a braise on ence, if we had a direct mail line be-tween these places. Holton is the County Seat of Jackson County, and, of course, the most important town in siderably fractured. it. Much of the business between per-

ing of this mail route. To the people of the Counties and towns interested or 9 years old. The girl blue eyes and demand of the P.O. Department, that All of which we submit, this first they put into operation a mail line of o much importance to you, and which ther have already seen at to establish; operate with you in the good work .-Will you not take the matter in hand.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, we only published part of the PENDENT. tax list this week, omitting Jofferson, Osaskes and Kaw townships, and the

place, was struck by lightning. One of the posts of the cupola was shivered hart had some trouble to catch them ; to atoms, the fluid passing down one of the studding on the inside, and slightly splitting the door casing. No serious damage was done to the building.

Also, in Leavenworth on the sa tearing off a part of the shingles, and about half the drapery on one end The road from this place to Osawkee the building. Several persons were in and Rock Creek needs repairing and the house at the time, but none were working; and a little expense, with a eriously injured except a young lady, hor, will make it as good as the road to her in vivid flashes. For some time she would recover from the effects of the shock. Our information is from lady who said she was in the house at the time of the occurrence.

P. S. Since the above was in type we learn that two more houses were struck in Leavenworth on the same day.

General Meurs.

Horrible murder-Three persons killed

On last Saturday, 29th June, T. mail routes for Kunsas Territory, we Barnett was fishing in Cedar creek 14

> ferson county State aforesaid, before Thomas Barnes, Coroner of said county, upon the body of three persons lying dead, found in Cedar Creek near where the Iowaville and Lancaster State Road crosses the said Creek, there lying death by some person, as there are four-large cuts on the head and face of the woman, one on her furhead, and just

We, the jury, are of the opinion that sons of that County and this requires the wounds were sufficient to produce the loss of time and traveling expenses, immediate death. The woman blue eyes, dark auburn hair, about 30 which wight to obviated by the openyears of age. The boy had also blue eyes and anburn hair, and was about 3 sgo, when Kephart was a prisoner at or 9 years old. The girl blue eyes and that he was condemned to day of July 860.

A. COLLINS.)

and you may de pend upon us to co. THOMAS BARNES, Coroner of Jefferson Co The County Judge, W. K. Alexand immediately offered a reward of \$200, and see to it that you have a regular for the arrest of the murderer, with the annoucement that there would be an spread through town that a large body additional reward raised by subscription were on their way from about Batavia, in this and Wapello counties,

We have not the usual amount of editorial this week, because we were prevented from preparing more for want of time, having been absent the fore Robb, David R. Huffstuder, Harrison Alexander Messrs. Wilson, Acheson, race he had some little deficulty with what was more astor Smith, William A. Tegarden, H. A. Negus, Slagle, Lamson and others made the Indian who afterward attacked him. The Massion House.—This hotel, situated on the corner of Shaware and situated on the corner of Shaware and Fifth street, Leavenworth City, is one Fifth street, Leavenworth City, is one of the street, Leavenworth City, is one of the corner of Shaware and samuel E-pe started in hot pursuit would be kept as until he could have early on Sunday morning. They track-ed him to near lowaville, then the treates and the remains and others made the indian who alterward attacked him. In the evening, while going over to low and satisfy them that the prisoner lower lower lowaville and the lower lower lower lower lower lower lower lower l of the best managed houses it has been our fortune to visit in the West. The proprietors, Messrs. Kiser & Insley, are proprietors, Messrs. Kiser & Insley, are secondary to their secondary to the secondary to their secondary to the secondary to their secondary to the secondary to the secondary to the secondary to their secondary to the secon gentlemanly and courteons to their Upton they found the team, man and Batavia, also addressed the multitude, He replied, to Sarcexie's. At that mo- a no-fo-rious character.

Beyond for always having how. The man's name is John Kephart; speaking in a manner that incited them ment, the Indian quickly drew his tom- Bayant says that "the groves were guests, and are noted for always having boy. The man's name is John Kephart; speaking in a manner that inc a well-furnished table. They have he is an old man over 60 years of age, he gave up without any resistance.—
The little boy seemed alarmed, and fled to Mr. Smith, crying and asking for visit Leavenworth, will find this a good place to stop at, for which they will

> to keep out of his way.
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APPECTING INCIDENT OF THE LATE MIN, was county, for about two mouths. There

open. Ten or niteen men then rushed in and used their battering rum against the rushed in and used their battering rum against the steamer R. F. Ross, we do not return the bouse of a widow Suyder's in Cass was then used against the iron door member to have heard of one more truly which resisted their efforts. An axe whose steel hoops attracted the flash, Willis died suddenly one morning soon was seized by one and the lock cut, and to relate. It will be remembered that which, following them, passed around after enting breakfast. The boy's mother told him that Kephart had poisoned was known outside that they had found our colums the sinking of the steamer okee county last winter, where he kept a the prisoner's clo'hes on, four men ap-grocery and sold whisky to the Indians. peared with him in their arms, and sur-This spring he started for Iowa, and rounded by their friends, carried him Parkersburg, Virginia, and had taken was at Desmoines, Pella and Oskaloosa to a wagon and drove off. bassage on the R. F. Ross. When that a few weeks. The boy says that his coming in and when the procession are and rushed out to see was in his room, Thursday night, and the children were rived at the place of execution there followed by his wife and eldest child. killed at the same time. The bodies could not have been less than from On finding out the cause of the disaster, o'clock in the evening in the North. Willis, the murder of children were a substantial gallows on the bank of the rescuing his infant, which still reposed western horizon. To the naked eye it is oute dim, emitting but a faint light aged 6 years. The bodies were buried where the bodies were found. A grave pending fate. He immediately returned,

is if. A number of our citizens know him well. He neither denies nor action ders. He had a quarrel with the woman short delay he was brought forward citin. about some money, about 8428.00 of supported by two men, who assisted which was found in a keg of soap grease him up the ladder on the the gallows. in the wagon. He was asked by one He appeared much exhausted and his of the company who arrested him what legs were very stiff, so much so that it he killed the woman for, and unguard- was difficult for him to place his feet edly replied that "she wanted to steal upon the rounds of the ladder. He

were in the wagon.

ing the Sheriff of an unpleasant duty. The services of a minister were not der a log. Mr. Barnett gave the alarm ing the Sheriff of an unpleasant duty through the neighborhood, and a messenger was sent to this place about midnight after the Sheriff and Coroner. The Coroner held an inquest on the dead bodies and the following facts elicited:

The services of a minister were not offered nor asked for. Two minutes were now allowed the prisoner to make a confession. He said he was innocent of the murder of the woman. He appeared much concerned about his oxen when it flew open Kephart's head fell his person said that he had not the upon the stone floor and received a watch with him, but that he wished it severe cut. He was immediately car- and the oxen should be given to his son. ried into the street, and every effort made to revive him. Until twelve o'clock it was thought that he would die, was shown his grave, and on learning but with the unceasing efforts of the physicians, and others, he was brought to life. He did not fully revive until Wednesday.

When he was caught his captors tied his feet together with a rope, and when he was brought to the jail the rope was although the cell was searched. We have learned some further

he was caught, one of the men drove the cattle to this place. This man recognized Kephart immediately, and said then that he would escape, as he had once before, after having sentence of death pronounced on him. We un-derstand that this man (we did not learn his name) sat as a juror in Lancaster death; for having been concerned in pirate. Merrill, who had a cave below

Kephart is heavily manacled, and it We learn that, the murders having been committed in Wapello, the Sheriff of that county will take him there for trial. MOR LAW IN JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Sheriff Robb started at once for Batavia, where he soon learned that an old man and a little boy had been seen on the road near where the bodies were found, on Friday afternoon. Then had

part of the week, and from other cir-team was seen four miles south of sudeavored to stay them from taking tended a little scrub horse race which cellent state of preservation—the hair cumstances not within our control. We Batavia on Saturday forenoon. Sheriff the law into their own hands. Judge was got up outside of the city. At the particularly, was very life like, and

have to pay a very reasonable bill.

Struck by Lightwing.—On monday last during a severe thunder storm the bellfry of the new M. E. Church in this the wagon and the boy said that Kep- light on many things. He was coon dressed. The bluntness of the toma-hart had some trouble to catch them; interrupted by loud cries. Reason had hawk was all that haved his life, as they run under and around the wagon to give way to excitement. The crowd otherwise he must have bled to death

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The little boy first remembers seeing Kephart in Muscatine, in this State, when he came to move the boy's parents when he came to move the boy's parents when he came to move the boy's parents.

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were hauled for over thirty miles. The twelve to fifteen handred persons on he left the wife and child in the hall and name of the murdered woman was Jane the ground. The citizens had erected re-entered the room for the purpose of

his money." The clothes of the mur- was at length placed upon the gallows, dered victims, samated with blood, when he dropped into a chair. Efforts were made to induce Kephart to confess. No trial was had, every one being so firmly convinced of his guilt that the matter of a trial was not thought of.-He then asked where he was to be buried and if his shroud was made. He

His hands were tied behind his back with a white handkerchief and one also fastened over his face, and at 12 minutes past 3 he was led on to the trap and told that if he would confess he would be taken off. The rope was placed around his neck by Wash. Lewis of Ottomwa. He was again asked if he would confess. He turned his head partly around and said: "Let me down; the rope hanging some twenty or thirty I'll faint." D. R. Huffstutter of Wapello feet below, he descended to the center county, seized the hatchet and gave the rope which held up the trap door a blow.

The rope was severed, the trap door parent unconcern as though in a theatre. was hunched into eternity, his hands reeking with the blood of his murdered reeking with the blood of his murdered three feet below even the slack rope. the Throne of the Most High. Silence venture to do in a swing-this latter profound reigned for a few minutes; the feat being to all appearances really the wast crowd drew one long breath, and most dangerous, for the rope was a the coarse jest and flippant remark were heard in all directions. Several persons then spoke from the gallows, calling attention to the greatest murderer that fast as a spinner would turn her quill ever disgraced the soil of Iowa, and wheel. People held their breath in utpalliating the course pursued. At 3:25 we left the ground, and when half a mile distant we could hear shout upon shout resounding throughout the forest, reminding us of the cheers at a political meeting. The body was allowed to hang until four o'clock; il was then cut lown, falling a distance of about eight ed disposing of the effects of Kephart.

wanted no history of the prisoner-they if he had not been killed outright.

mate, and his wife and two children .-Where the bodies were found. A grave had also been dug immediately under the gallows. Every preparation was county, about ten years ago, and was county, about ten years ago, and was county waiting the arrival of the prisoner. The bank on the opposite side of the life-boat, happily congratulating himself upon this second escape from a watery still has his certificate or license with him. He has a wife living in Washing ton county, and is the father of nine saying that he had always been a posse.

What must be taking in his arms both children; grasped his supposed wife around the county waist, remarking, "Come on, Molly, we are safe." He hurred them into the life-boat, happily congratulating himself upon this second escape from a watery structured.

The bank on the opposite side of the creek was lined with women, children and men. John Beach a Congregational Minister made an inflamatory address, fate of his dear wife and children.—

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The Murder of Napoleon and Garibaldi Plotted at Rome.

The Florence correspondent of Providence Jou nal says that some suprising revelations are being made in an investigation going on under the direction of he Commandant Bellot of the French garrison. A plot has been discovered in which several Roman prelacy are said to be implicated, with no less an object than to cause the assassination of the Emperor Napoleon and General Garibaldi. The head of the former, according to the testimony, was valued as high as 500,-000 francs. Two individuals, with the names of Franchi and Mariani, were the ones to put the design into execution. The examination is still going on.

LIBEL SUIT-On the thirteenth of July at the suit of John P. Hale, of N. H., for an alleged libel contained in an article published in the Courier of the 2d inst. Mr. Hale claims ten thousand dollars damages. It is understood that Caleb Cushing, B. F. Butler, Chas. Seaver and Woodbury have been engaged by the Courier proprietors to defend the suit.

BLONDIN'S FOLLY .- The Ningara News thus sketches Blondin's preform-

" Having secured his balancing pole. some fifty wet spart to his main cable of this slack rope, where, upon a mere parent unconcern as though ima theatre. fell, and at 34 o'clock John Kephart With straps around his ankles he sussome fifteen or twenty times, about as ter amazement at such recklessness. He ran up hand over hand to the main cable, where he swung by one leg, &c. He then proceeded to the Canada side, occupying altogether in this insane ex-

THE LABORAT PRINTING PRINTS IN THE Appletons, in New York, is a prees and disposing of the effects of Kephart.

It was resolved that the money found in the wagon, the wagon itself and the oxen should be given for the benefit of existence, so Webster's Speller is the following described property, to wit: the living boy of the murdered woman; the only book requiring a press so rapid, and on which a single book is being printed without interruption from January to December. The sale of Web-said property appraised at one hundred ster's Speller' amounts to more than and sixty dollars and levied upon to antthe living boy of the murdered woman; term of Grandbepper Falls. We will man and a little boy had been seen on that they had guns in their wagons.—

bernatier give it the requisite number of intertions, publishing it entire next two yoke of oxen, a covered wagon, it and 9 o'clock a large body of men on poor white man by a Delaware Interesting the reserve, just opposite Law
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SH: RIFF'S SALE Territory of Kansas, County of Jefferson. John R. Grist Stillman H. Blood.

Clerk of the District Court sitting in said county for the trial of causes arising under the laws of said Territory, will, on Saturday, the 25th day of day, at the Court House door in the day, at the Court in said county, offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following real-setate, to-wit:

The south east quarter of section Territory, levied upon as the property of Stillman H. Blood to satisfy said order and appraised at \$80. Sheriff's Office, Oskaloosa, July 14th

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By virtue of an alias writ ed by the Clerk of the First Die Court sitting in said county for al of causes arising under the said Territory, I will, on Satur eighteenth day of August, A. thousand eight hundred and six tween the hours of ten and four of that day, at the Court Ho

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